

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2231 - SB 2569

March 2, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a nurse, who has graduated from an approved nursing or vocational program within the previous 90 days, to engage in the practice of practical nursing without a license for up to 120 calendar days from the date of receipt of the first authorization to take the NCLEX-PN examination. Requires that the practical nursing occurs in a licensed healthcare institution and that the graduate nurse is working under the supervision of an individual licensed to practice professional nursing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to the proposed legislation, a licensed individual supervising the graduate nurse may only supervise one at a time. However, since the proposed legislation does not set a required number of graduate nurses, no additional supervising licensed individuals are required to be employed. Therefore, the proposed legislation can be accomplished within existing personnel.
- After the 120-day period, the graduate nurse is expected to either gain full licensure or discontinuing practicing as allowed in the proposed legislation. Therefore, there is no anticipated decrease in state revenue from licensure fees.
- Since the graduate nurses are only qualified to practice for a 120-day period and must be supervised by a licensed nurse at a 1:1 ratio, it is assumed there will be no decrease in expenditures created from a reduced hiring of fully licensed nurses.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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